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SUBJECT: SERVER FOR HANDLING MULTIMODAL INFORMATION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated 6 June 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time for response to the Action is attached hereto. Please amend this application in the following manner:

In the Claims

1. (currently amended) A server for handling information which is in different modal forms suitable for more than one mode of user interface, the server comprising:
 - an internet interface for supporting one or more connections on the internet;
 - a terminal interface for supporting one or more connections from the server to user terminals, ~~at least one terminal being a multi-modal user terminal~~ providing multi-modal user interfaces capable of supporting input and output in one or more of audio, visual and tactile modal forms, and for passing information in ~~at least one of the audio, visual and tactile modal forms~~;
 - a service controller being operable to interact with the user terminals for controlling input or output of the information on the terminal interface and the internet interface, and for processing the information received from or sent to either interface, according to the modal form of the input and output.
2. (currently amended) The server of claim 1, the service controller being operable with a multi-modal user terminal to select which modal form or forms of input and output to use.

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